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Celebrating 30 Years

Member Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday November 30, at 7:30 P.M. in the hall at 6177 Chicago Rd. (east of Mound Rd., North of 13 Mile Rd.)- Warren, Michigan. Our meetings are always open to the public.

Elections take place in December. There are 6 positions up for election for the Board of Directors. See Jason Adams if you are interested in running.

Be sure to see and get information on the new **club jackets** and windbreakers at the meeting.

Christmas Meeting

The Christmas meeting will take place on December 14, 2004. This is a special

meeting where all family members are encouraged to attend.

Activities for the night include the Annual Elections for the Board of Directors, "Member of the Year" and "Director of the Year" presentations, the Cooler of Cheer drawing and of course the expected visit of Salmon Claus. Don't miss it!

30th Anniversary Spoon

The Detroit Area Steelheaders is celebrating its 30th year of promoting and protecting our Great Lakes fishery (and going fishing & having fun). To commemorate this event we have had Wolverine Tackle make up custom Silver Streak spoons. These come with our club name & 30th Anniversary overlaid on Wolverine's best colors in regular and magnum sizes. This continues the tradition of having had anniversary spoons made for our 15th and 25th years.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT:

The club has decided to give one of these spoons, free as a gift to each paid member (1/family) who is in attendance at the

Christmas meeting. That's just another reason to be a member and attend the December meeting when voting occurs and Salmon Claus is expected to make a return appearance.

These spoons will also be available for sale at our membership meetings beginning in December for a limited time at 3 for \$10, the same price our 25th year spoons cost five years ago.

COOLER OF CHEER!

The Annual Christmas Cooler of Cheer is in full swing. The support of all of our members and friends has really made this a fun event. The lucky winning ticket will be drawn at the annual Christmas meeting on Dec. 14.

The lucky winner will receive **a 100-quart cooler full of cheer, a big assortment of party snacks and \$100 in cash;** a prize well worth the one buck investment.

A special drawing for sellers will take place at the November meeting where anyone turning in \$20.00 will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate. If you haven't sold your tickets by then, you can turn it in at the meeting. Sell your tickets later and turn in the stubs at a later time.

Finally, the overall top ticket seller will win a \$150 gift certificate from Bass Pro. (This is a great boat opportunity, so you may want to talk to your crew and pool your results.) I have plenty of extra tickets for everyone who needs extra tickets. Please feel free to call me or see me at the meetings.

Chris Nytko (586) 786-

SIXTH ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S DINNER

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be hosting our Sixth Sportsmen's Dinner on Saturday, March 5, 2005. We will be at the same location as last year's highly acclaimed dinner, at the Salt River Golf Club Banquet Center at 33633 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore, 2.4 miles east of I94 (Exit #243). Mark your calendar!

Member Drawing

Robert Golaszewski - sorry to say we missed you at the October membership meeting. Your name was drawn and you missed out on \$50.00. Hope to see you in November; the membership drawing pot will grow to \$60.



Lake Michigan Snakehead origin a mystery

Dissecting the northern snakehead, a fish scooped out of Chicago's Burnham Harbor this month, has failed to solve the mystery of how the dreaded predator ended up in Lake Michigan, according to a report in the Chicago Tribune.

After thawing out the 18-inch fish last week and taking a closer look, scientists now know the snakehead was a female. It wasn't carrying eggs, a sign that the fish might have been a loner, but its stomach was empty, depriving researchers of evidence that could have revealed where it came from.

If there had been goldfish inside, that almost assuredly would have meant the snakehead had been dumped out of an aquarium. Bluegills or round gobies would have suggested it had been lurking in the lake for a while. "Nothing definitive, I'm afraid," said Philip Willink, a Field Museum biologist who examined the fish.

2004/2005 River & Winter Schedule

Doug Karakas has announced the initial dates for the 2004/ 2005 river tournaments. See Doug at the meetings for more details and watch Fishin' Tales for updates.

- Dec. 4 Ausable River & Pier
- Jan St. Clair Ice Outing
- Feb Higgins Lake Ice outing
- March Manistee River

Boat Trolling Directory

Fill out the form and mail to:

Mark Bevans
22506 Brittany
Eastpointe, Mi. 48021

Your Name: _____

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City: _____

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Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

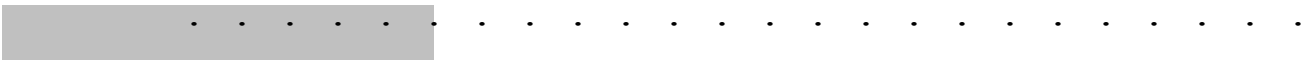
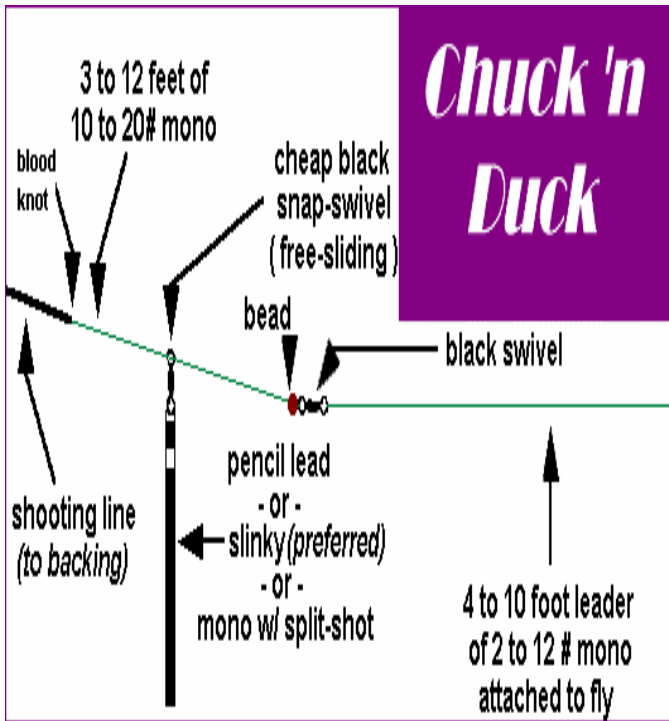
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Make of Boat: _____

Length of Boat: _____

Color of Boat: _____

Please mail by December 15th



New DAS Web Site

The new DAS website is up and running.

www.detroitsteelheaders.org

Be sure to sign up for the message board so you can get and participate in sharing information.

Ultimate Fishing Show

There is a new fishing show planned for January 13-16 at the Novi Expo Center. Watch for more details

HOUSE BILL 6114

It's hard to believe, but a bill has been introduced into the Michigan House of Representatives that would make it a misdemeanor to use any lead fishing tackle in the waters of the state. Lead fishing tackle means a sinker containing one ounce or less of lead or a jig that contains lead or a lead compound. "A person that violates this part is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 60 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both, plus the costs of prosecution."

This bill is for real. It was introduced by Rep. Chris Kolb, a Democrat from Ann Arbor on August 4, 2004. It was referred to Committee on Land Use and Environment. We need to make sure it doesn't progress any further.

Contact your State Representative and tell him/her how outrageous this bill is. There is no scientific evidence that lead sinkers or lead jigs pose any measurable risk to the environment. This is just another way to harass sportsmen and try to outlaw our pursuits.



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